

# Are we willing to wait for God's Blessing?

If you were given the choice today to receive **\$100,000 in cash today** from God or be patient and wait for God's blessing overtime receiving a **PENNY a day that is doubled every day for 30 days**. Which would you choose?

We have choices in life: get rich quickly or be patient and see what God is going to do for you. As Christians, we often jump at the first thing that sounds good and miss the opportunity for God to really bless us. The same question came across my desk as a substance abuse counselor years ago and I continue to use it as one of the key elements in my group counseling programs.

The Question is simple ... Would you take \$100,000 dollars today or be willing to wait and receive a Penny that is doubled every day for 30 days?

Which one would you choose?

Why did you choose that that answer?



# This is how it breaks down if we are patient and take the penny doubled each day!

Day	
1	1 cent
2	2 cents
3	4 cents
4	8 cents
5	16 cents
6	32 cents
7	64 cents
8	\$1.28
9	\$2.58
10	\$ 5.12
I bet right now you are wondering about your sanity and what you have done, and maybe even having friends and family challenging your thinking. Maybe you feel like you made a great choice.	
11	\$10.24
12	\$20.48
13	\$40.96
14	\$81.92
15	\$163.84
16	\$327.68
17	\$655.36
18	\$1,310.72
19	\$2,621.44
20	\$5,242.88
Still wondering what I did, this is crazy! Maybe it still a good choice for you.	
21	\$10,485.75
22	\$20,971.52
23	\$41,943.04
24	\$83,886.08
25	\$167,772.16
26	\$335,554.32
27	\$671,088.64
28	\$1,342,177.20
29	\$2,684,354.40
DAY 30	<b><u>\$5,368,708.50</u></b>

Now, what do you think of the choice you made?

## The moral of this story is:

If we are patient and wait on God to fulfill His plan and promise to us, the reward will be more significant than if we do it our own way!

Here are some things we might receive by patiently awaiting God's promises.

- A promotion or a new job
- The perfect healing
- A new apartment or house
- The right spouse to marry
- The church to attend

Can you identify three things in your life that you jumped at before turning to God for guidance and realized later that your choices were hasty, not a good deal, and not in God's plan for you?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Can you identify three times in your life when you were patient and waited for God to provide his answer and were blessed because of it?

- 1.
- 2.

3.

Can you identify three things you can do/use to help you wait on God's blessing and perfect timing?

1.

2.

3.

Remember, we serve and worship a sovereign and an all-knowing God, HIS blessing and promise are perfect if we are patient and let HIM provide in HIS perfect timing.

*Isaiah 40:31: "But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength;  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary,  
They shall walk and not faint." (NKJV)*